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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN TALK WITH MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES:
PART II: NICOSIA AIRPORT AND AEROFLOT OFFER

1. DURING MEETING CHRISTOPHIDES REFERRED TO DIFFICULTY
IN GETTING TURKS TO MOVE ON NICOSIA AIRPORT PROBLEM
THOUGH HE WAS SLIGHTLY ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS MADE IN
LAST CLERIDES-DENKTASH MEETING (NOVEMBER 18) WHEN
AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO REOPEN CONTROL TOWER WITH
GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOT PRESENT AND CONSIDER FURTHER
STEPS TOWARD REOPENING OF AIRPORT IF THAT WORKED.

2. CLERIDES SAID THERE WAS A NEW PROBLEM. INTER-
NATIONAL AGREEMENT CALLS FOR NO MILITARY FORCES TO BE
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WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF A CIVILIAN RUNWAY. EVEN IF

NICOSIA REOPENED THIS WOULD PROBABLY PREVENT ANYONE USING IT EXCEPT PERHAPS SOVIETS, WHO MIGHT NOT WORRY ABOUT SUCH AGREEMENTS. THIS WAS ANOTHER REASON FOR SEEKING TURKISH PULL-BACK FROM AIRPORT AND ITS OPERATION UNDER UNFICYP. ACCORDING TO FCO'S WESTON, CALLAGHAN'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT HE COULD VISUALIZE SOME WESTERN AIRLINES PERHAPS ALSO AGREEING TO USE REOPENED AIRPORT. BRITISH AGREED TO STUDY THIS PROBLEM (THEY BEING UNAWARE OF WHAT AGREEMENT CLERIDES WAS REFERRING TO).

3. MAKARIOS SAID CYPRIOTS WILL NOT REJECT SOVIET AEROFLOT OFFER OUT OF HAND BUT WILL INFORM HMG BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

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